



Wesley United Methodist Church - Marco Island

Did You Know?

Wesley Stewards Needed

Did you know that volunteering is good stewardship? When we talk about stewardship most of the time our thoughts go to money. Of course, money is an important part of stewardship but there are other ways to be good stewards and volunteering is one of those. There are a lot of ways and activities in which to volunteer around Wesley UMC. Some of these volunteer opportunities you hear about all the time: teach a small group, be a Sunday morning Greeter, help out at Camp Able, volunteer to read to the preschool, help to set up Communion, fill in at the church office. If you are interested in working in any of these areas, please let us know. We would love to have you involved in this way.

Did you know that we have some small jobs around the church that need to be done that can take as little as an hour? They can be done on your schedule. When people volunteer for these jobs, they save the church money. See how that works as good stewardship? We have a list of small jobs that need to be done and we are working to keep that list updated. These jobs are things like pulling weeds in the different gardens. No, if you volunteer to do this you won't be expected to do all the gardens at the church forever. It is too hot and the property is too big for one person. Could you come and volunteer to pull the weeds in one of the gardens?

I actually do this frequently when I am passing by one of the gardens. It doesn't take long but it looks much better.



Or, do you like to paint? There are lots of little touch up jobs that need to be done. Again, we aren't talking about entire rooms but just small, one hour touch up jobs.



What about dusting the pews in the sanctuary? Certainly, we have a custodian but there is a ton of work for her to do. Taking on a small job like this would be extremely helpful and would not take more than an hour to do.



These are just some examples of things that need to be done, and we need your help to do them. If you want to check out the list, please give Nan, in the office, a call. Pulling weeds, dusting or painting may not seem like ministry but it all comes together to support the missions and ministries that God has placed before us. Please consider being a Wesley Steward.

Blessings,

Rev. Daphne



Can you Help?



A Great Big Thank You



I want to send out a great big thank you to some of our Wesley Church Family. There are so many people who do things behind the scenes as well as in our many ministries that I am often reluctant to bring attention to individuals and groups because I don't want to leave anyone out.

These particular thank yous is regarding some physical work that some have done on our property to ensure we can use our facilities and that all of us can be comfortable. This work is just a glimpse of the work that has been done that has saved us money. Having any work done on our facilities now days is extremely expensive.

A great big thank you goes out to Al Schneider and Steve McGuire. One of our toilets here at the church had to be replaced. The estimate to have this done was getting close to \$1000. But with skill and time donated by Al and Steve the cost was under \$300. In this one job, of which there are many, they were able to save us around \$700.

Another great big thank you goes out to Bob Cholka, Ken Stroud, Kathryn Barnes, and Josh Baudin. You probably never even notice how many light bulbs are in our sanctuary. We all tend to just take for granted that when the light switch is turned on we have light. There are 143 light bulbs in our sanctuary and 15 in the Gathering Place. Seventy of them were out or needed to be changed out. Surprising isn't it? Unfortunately, these light bulbs are not easy to reach. In order to change them you must use an extension ladder. It is a long way up there. This crew worked for several days and now all of the lights in our sanctuary are working. They still have just a little more work to do. Again, this is a huge savings for the church. The last time this type of work was done it was hired out and cost the church over \$ 10,000. This time our church cost was \$663. When we looked at the billing from 2013 and what was just done we realized that they saved the church at least \$5,000 using LED bulbs.

Al, Steve, Bob, Ken, Kathryn and Josh thank you for being great stewards of Wesley.

Rev. Daphne



JULY 2022 Scriptures

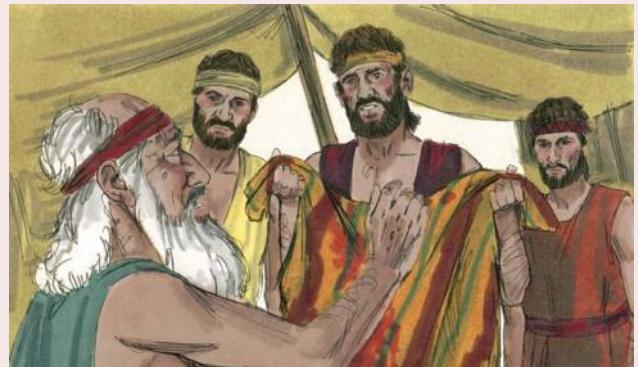
Series: Summer Reruns

Sunday, July 3, 2022

(Communion) (Independence Sunday)

The Joseph Story

Genesis 37, 39



Sunday, July 10, 2022

Rahab, An Unlikely Heroine

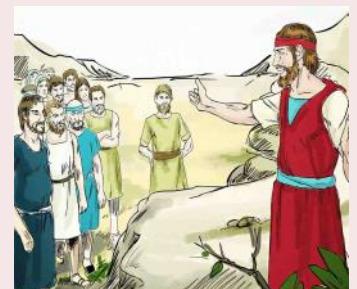
Joshua 2, Hebrews 11:31, James 2



Sunday, July 17, 2022

Hosea and Gomer: A Marriage Unmade and Remade

Hosea Ch 1,2 & 11:1-9



Sunday, July 24, 2022

Esther and Mordecai

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22



Sunday, July 31, 2022

Revisiting Jonah

The Book of Jonah





July 2 –Family Hike
July 6 -Beach Clean-up 9 AM
July 10-16-CAMP ABLE
August 3–Beach Clean up
August 6– Family Hike



Wesley—In-Person and Online

wesleymarco.org/watch

Sunday – **9:45 am Music in Sanctuary before Worship Service**
9:45 am Virtual Worship Service (Website or Facebook)
10:00 am In-person Worship (Sanctuary)
(Before/After Service) Coffee Fellowship Time (Gathering Place)
11:00 am Adult Formation/Sunday School (In-person and Zoom)

Monday -

Tuesday – **7:30 am Walking Church (Mackle Park)**
9:00 am-1:00 pm MMO (Mother's Morning Out) (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 pm Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday -**9:00 am-1:00 pm MMO (Mother's Morning Out) (Fellowship Hall)**
2:30 pm Worship Team (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday- **9:00 am Thursday Community Study of Proverbs (Office)**
9:00 am-1:00 pm MMO (Mother's Morning Out) (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 am UMW Bible Study (call for location)

Friday- s

OTHER ONGOING MEETINGS: Church Committees and Business meetings
Small Groups

ZOOM meetings – Specific for each meeting.
Call church office for information 239-394-3734.



Walking Church



What is Walking Church?

Walking Church can be different things to different people. If you are someone who attends church on Sunday but would enjoy a mid-week lift and enjoy being in the great outdoors then this is for you. In the same way, if you are someone who is spiritual, who is looking for a way to connect with God and others but just isn't comfortable in a regular church service on Sunday then this is also for you.

Walking Church is a time when we can come together, pray, walk and listen to God. Come and see for yourself. We will gather together, center ourselves, have a prayer and short devotion, we will have a text or quote upon which to meditate as we walk the almost mile around Mackle Park, we will come back together and share any reflections anyone would like to share and then go about our day. If you are interested in participating but don't feel you can physically participate in the walk that is fine. Come, join with us and then while others are walking you can sit right by the lake and do your time of meditation.

All are welcome, invite your friends, your four-legged babies are also welcome.

If you have questions give me a call, Rev. Daphne Johnson, 863-370-9174.

Walking Church will begin on July 5th.

WHEN: Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

WHERE: Mackle Park, at the Lake, 1361 Andalusia Terrace, Marco Island

WHY: Seeking to strengthen mind, body, and spirit

Let's Walk Together By Faith!



FROM THE 2022 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION TIPS

Knowledge About Charitable IRA Giving
from *The Street* by Rick Fingerman, CFP

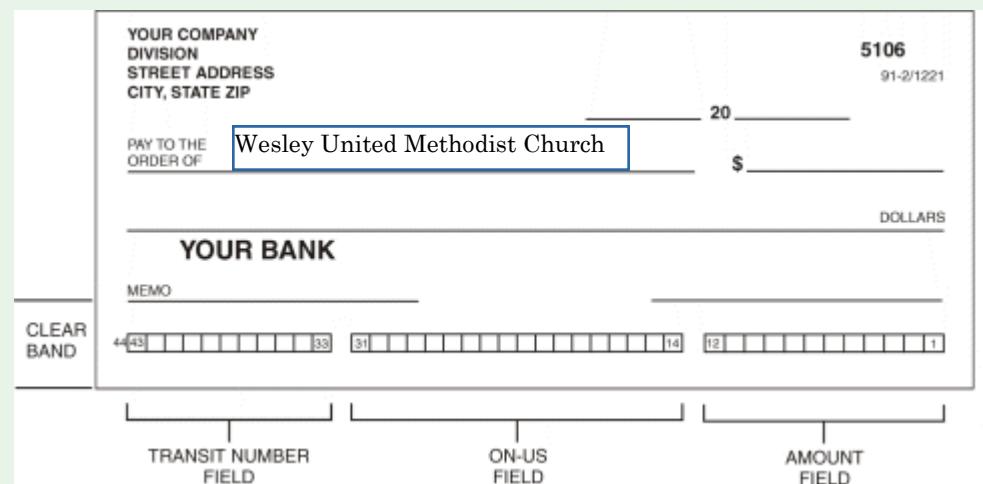
At the current time, if you have an IRA or similar retirement plan, you are subject to required minimum distributions (RMDs) from these plans. (RMDs are required for those over 72. However, if you turned age 72 ½ before December 31, 2019, your RMD date was age 70 ½).

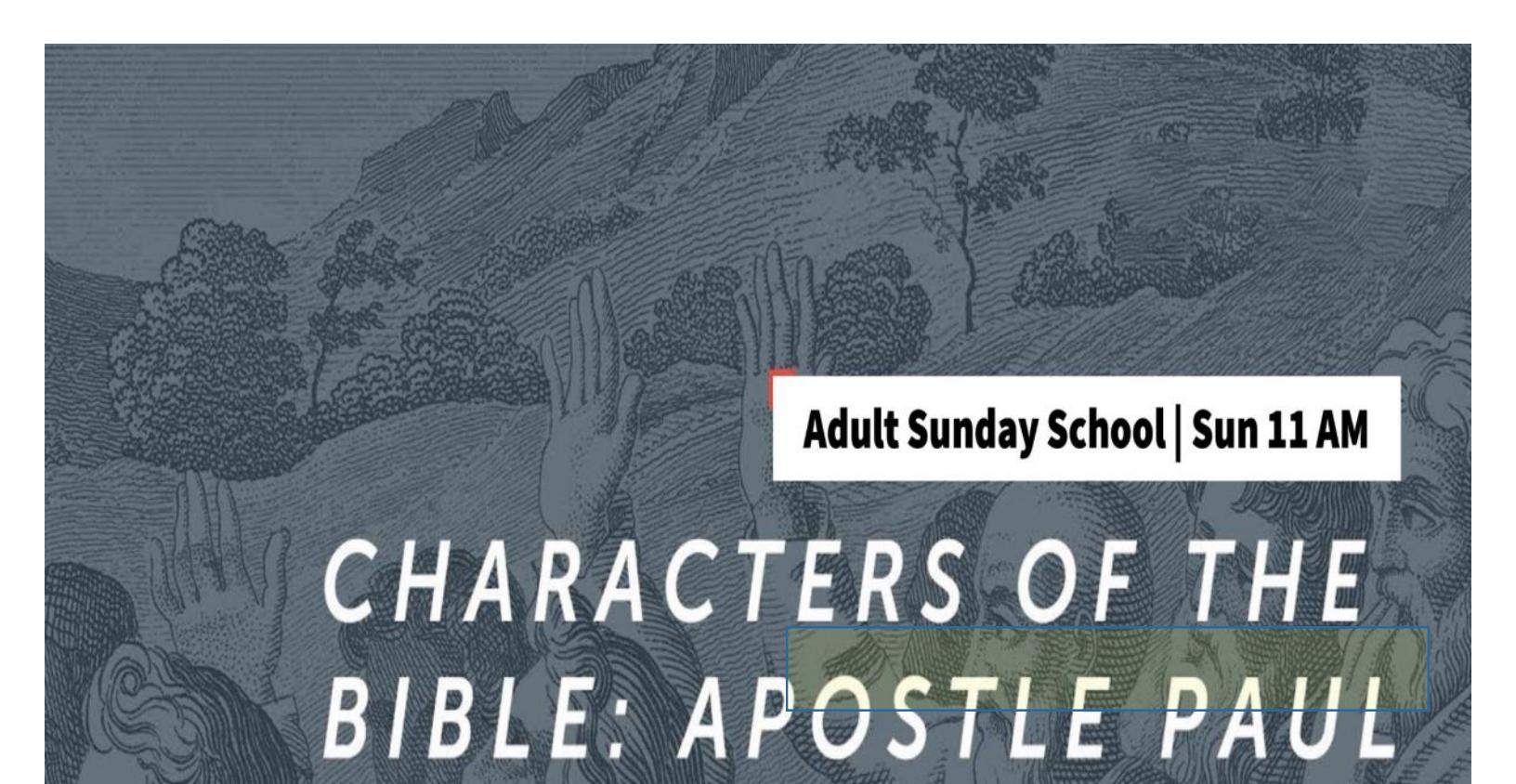
For those of us who are at least age 70½ (or will be 72 by Dec 31st of the year you turn 72) and charitably inclined, we can gift our RMD, up to \$100,000, from our IRA to a qualified charity. If you are married and file jointly your spouse can also do the same from their IRA.

Why would you want to do this versus writing a check directly to your church or charity? Required minimum distributions are fully taxable as ordinary income and get added to your other income, which could push you into a higher tax bracket, ultimately causing you to pay more taxes. Lowering your income can also save you money by avoiding increased Medicare premiums or taxes on your Social Security.

In addition, if you have been taking the standard deduction when filing your taxes, utilizing a Qualified Charitable Deduction provides a tax benefit from the donation even though you aren't itemizing.

But, first and foremost, always remember to seek proper tax advice before making any decisions by talking to your own tax accountant and/or investment representative.





Adult Sunday School | Sun 11 AM

CHARACTERS OF THE BIBLE: APOSTLE PAUL

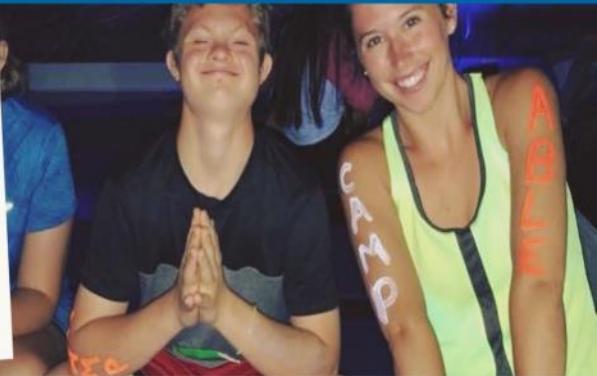


Save the Date | 7/10-7/16

CAMP ABLE 2022



Check out
wesleymarco.org/camp
for info & serving
opportunities



Mother's Morning Out

JULY 2022

July Theme: Summer



Dear Wesley Friends,



What a terrific summer we are having at M.M.O! We are making sure to have as much fun as possible and not let the heat or rain get in our way! We have had our first Water Play Day of the summer. We anticipate a few more before summer ends!

We will be taking our walk down Barfield to celebrate the Fourth of July, on 7/5!
Please come decked out in your Red, White, & Blue to help us celebrate!

As a reminder, M.M.O. will be closed July 26th - August 11th.
Our new school year will resume August 16th!

The school will go through a thorough cleaning during our last portion of summer break in preparation for the start of fall classes. Upon our return, we are excited to start the 2022-2023 school year off with a full roster! Our amazing staff is looking forward to another school year!

Claire Orgass
Mother's Morning Out, Director
(239)330-6374

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
--Eleanor Roosevelt



Cake served Memorial Day Sunday



Prayer Cloth Ministry – Knitters Needed!

Several years ago, Norma Stroud (Ken Stroud's mother), started a prayer cloth ministry for Wesley UMC. You may have seen these colorful prayer cloths at the WUMC office front desk or at the Welcome Booth on Sundays, and hopefully you picked one up for yourself and/or someone else. If you look at the prayer cloths, or the pictures included with this article, you can see a cross imbedded in the knitted pattern. What a great way to honor Jesus Christ, and they are wonderful to hold each day as you say your prayers.

Norma passed away earlier this year, and our supply of prayer cloths is nearly at an end. These have been very popular among our Wesley family and many other fellow Christians. They have been distributed to Bible study groups, Camp Able Campers, Trunk or Treat visitors, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry volunteers and grocery recipients, Wesley attendees and their friends and families. A prayer cloth makes a great gift for someone who is ill, grieving, or going through a difficult time. Giving one is a great way to show someone you care about them, and you can even pray with them using the cloth when you give it to them.

We would love to continue this ministry, but to do so, we need knitters! We have a copy of the pattern that can be used to make the prayer cloths. If you enjoy knitting and would love to help continue this important ministry, please contact Chris Stroud



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



Summer SUPPORT

Are you searching for understanding, encouragement, and practical advice from Christian a death of a loved one? Depending on your loss, and whether you'd prefer one session or a weekly group (or both), GriefShare provides several options.

If you're a **widow or widower** and would like to attend a one-session "**Loss of a Spouse**" seminar, there are two scheduled for July (online only). Click on the links below for details and to **register for the one of your choice:**

- **Wednesday, July 13 at 7 PM - www.griefshare.org/loss/events/5043**
- **Sunday, July 17 at 4 PM - www.griefshare.org/loss/events/5257**

If you've lost a **spouse, family member, or friend**, GriefShare also offers a **13-week seminar series & support group**.

The next new group will begin on **August 2**, meeting (in person) **every Tuesday at 7 PM** at **New Hope Ministries** in Naples.

Learn more and register at **www.griefshare.org/groups/142000**

Several new **online groups** will also be starting in August.

(If you don't want to wait, you may join one that's already in progress.)

To find a group, visit **www.griefshare.org**
(please use the search filters for best results!), or call **(800) 395-5755**.





Marco Dementia Respite (MDR) Update

Wesley's newest ministry, Marco Dementia Respite, is becoming a reality.

We have had an overwhelmingly positive response. Fundraising is off to a great start, and we already have a strong list of volunteers to help with the program.

Marco Dementia Respite will officially open on Monday, September 12, 2022. The program will be held each Monday from 10:30am – 2:30pm. Another program day may be added in 2023, if the demand is great enough and if we can get sufficient funding and volunteers. All expenses related to MDR will be funded by money raised to support the MDR ministry, and fundraising for the program is a community effort. MDR has hired Mary Beth Schrowang, a Clinical Social Worker, to be our Program Facilitator.

Many of the folks on our Volunteer List have personal experience with individuals with Alzheimer's and/or have volunteered in other similar programs.

Volunteer Training is scheduled for Monday, August 8, from 10:30am – 2:30pm. A subsequent Volunteer Orientation will be held on

Monday, August 29 from 10am – 12pm.

If you would like to consider volunteering or helping in any way, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Denise Rose (lvdesertrose@hotmail.com; cell: 239-877-7213).

The MDR targets individuals with early-stage Alzheimer's/ dementia. Participants will be screened and interviewed to ensure they are a good fit for the program.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from participating in the program, please have their Caregiver call 239-330-MDR3 (6373) to get more information.

If you want to learn more about the MDR program, please contact Chris Stroud (ChrisLStroud@gmail.com; cell: 305-479-3023).



JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

07/02 Mary Bulley
07/06 Annie Biden
07/07 Thomas Pollak
07/09 Michelyn VanNoord
07/11 Mershon Niesner
07/11 Alan Schneider
07/15 Carolyn Burger
07/17 Van Gates
07/20 Barbara Ausbon
07/20 Nanette Moll
07/20 Thomas Rentz
07/21 Margaret Baudin
07/21 Monica Turri
07/24 Paula Curry
07/24 Debra Johnston
07/26 Shirley Armentrout
07/27 Jon Martin

08/03 Cynthia E Lakus
08/04 Paul S Lakus
08/05 Betty Larson
08/08 Jeanne Bucklin
08/11 Bill Cox
08/11 Claire Orgass
08/13 Julia Osterloh
08/14 Sydney Mellinger
08/16 Richard Carlsen
08/19 Judy VanderZwart
08/20 John Janke
08/23 Allan Bristow
08/27 Beth Baylor
08/28 Pinky Larson
08/28 Merle Wetzel



JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

07/24 Robert & Debra Johnston

8/02 Tim & Sue Keay
08/04 Greg & Barbara Frey
08/11 Merle & Janet Wetzel
08/12 Alan & Kathleen Schneider
08/15 Richard & Eileen Carlsen
08/22 Charles & Cynthia Sedgwick
08/31 Thomas & Patricia Pollak



Monthly Giving Update 2022

May Year-to-Date

Budget	\$ 21,066	\$ 217,715
Actual	\$ 42,119	\$ 185,550 s



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*LOVE God
LOVE People*

*Walk Together in
The Way of Jesus*



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Audio-Visual Technician.	Matt Conley

September WESLEY WAVE

Newsletter Deadline

- ALL entries must be **SENT to the Church FIRST :**
office@wesleymarco.org
- ♦ We really do love to receive photos; however,

ALL PHOTOS MUST BE TITLED.

(Example: "Youth Camp 2020" and not "0234.jpg")
And please supply the "who, what, when, where, why and/or how" of the photo; at least provide the **name** of adults the photo, listed from left to right.

Note: we do not give names or information that might compromise any minors.

- Limit your entries to **under 200 words** and **un-formatted**.
- **WAVE deadline for the September issue is:**
Fourth Monday of August
(August 22)
- Please plan accordingly.
- THANK YOU and God bless.



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